FREE HOLDEN TIMES

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Council Meetings : Next Council Meeting has been moved to NOVEMBER 23 at 6:30pm. Meetings have been changed to 6:30 from now on. Meetings are open to the public to listen.

October 2026 Village Notes

October 19, 2026 – Organization Meeting Highlights:

- Councillor Carl Marsh was re-elected as the Village Mayor for another year.
- Councillor Tyler Beckett was re-elected as the Village Deputy Mayor for another year.
- No changes were made to the Village committees Council representatives.
- Council meetings will now start at 6:30 pm. The meetings continue to be held on the third Monday of the month or on the following evening if the Monday falls on a statutory holiday.
- **Except** as per Council's direction the November Regular Council Meeting date has been set for November 23 at 6:30 pm.

Regular Council Meeting Highlights:

- Council provided a letter of support for Go East of Edmonton regarding a grant application that being submitted to the province.
- Council discussed a request from a resident who asked that the speed limit on 51 Avenue be reduced to 30/hr. The same resident also requested that Council remove 51 Avenue from the Holden Heavy Truck Route. After discussion, Council accepted both of these requests as information.
- Council was notified that it was time to consider the Fortis Alberta Franchise fees for the upcoming year. The Council decided that the franchise fees would continue at 4%. This rate has been in place since 2021.
- Council had a request to consider increasing the number of Christmas Lights along 50 Street to the north end of the street. After discussion, Council directed Administration to get quotes for installing two (2) street lights on 50 Street as well as a quote for the extra Christmas Lights and the electrician to install the plug-ins to power the Christmas Lights. This information will be shared with Council during the 2027 Operational Budget discussion.
- Council discussed the idea of installing a fence as a backdrop for the heart structure. Administration will provide detailed cost during the 2027 Operational Budget discussion.

To post information in the *HOLDEN TIMES*, please submit by the 25th of the month by email to: admin@holden.ca

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- The speed limit throughout the Village is 40/hr.
- EV Chargers are installed at the rear of the Village Office and on the west side of the Community Hall. These should be functional by mid to late November. There will be no parking signs installed to ensure that the parking spaces are reserved for those wanting to charge their Electric Vehicles.
- 51 Avenue Upgrades are well underway. The first step in the project should be completed by September 28, 2026. The next step of the project is chip seal and we are waiting for a date.
- Solar Panel Project installation should be completed by the end of November.
- The Village of Holden New Website should be ready to live by the end of November.
- Holden Rural Academy is offering free assistance to anyone needing yard work, dog walks, garden help and trash pick-up.
- An invoice for approximately $18,500.00 for the legal fees related to a property clean-up in the Village was sent to the property owner this month.
- Heads-up all outstanding fees (mowing charges, fines, sewer and garbage, and other fees) will be added to property owners tax roll at the end of 2026 and a 18% penalty will be applied.

The Village of Holden would like to give a thank-you to Ryleys Council and the Clean Harbour Community Enhancement Grant Committee for their donation to the Holden Spray Park Panel Upgrades.

Mayor Marsh accepted the cheque on behalf of the Village of Holden.





HOLDEN COMMUNITY HALL ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS

COMMUNITY TURKEY SUPPER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026

HOLDEN COMMUNITY HALL

5:00 - 7:30pm
Ages 13 - Adults: $30
Ages 6 - 12: $15
5 and Under: Free



COME REMEMBER WITH US !

HOLDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

At HOLDEN MUSEUM

NOVEMBER 11/2026

12 to 3 PM



VIEW Authentic WW 1 &
WW 2 Paintings & Posters

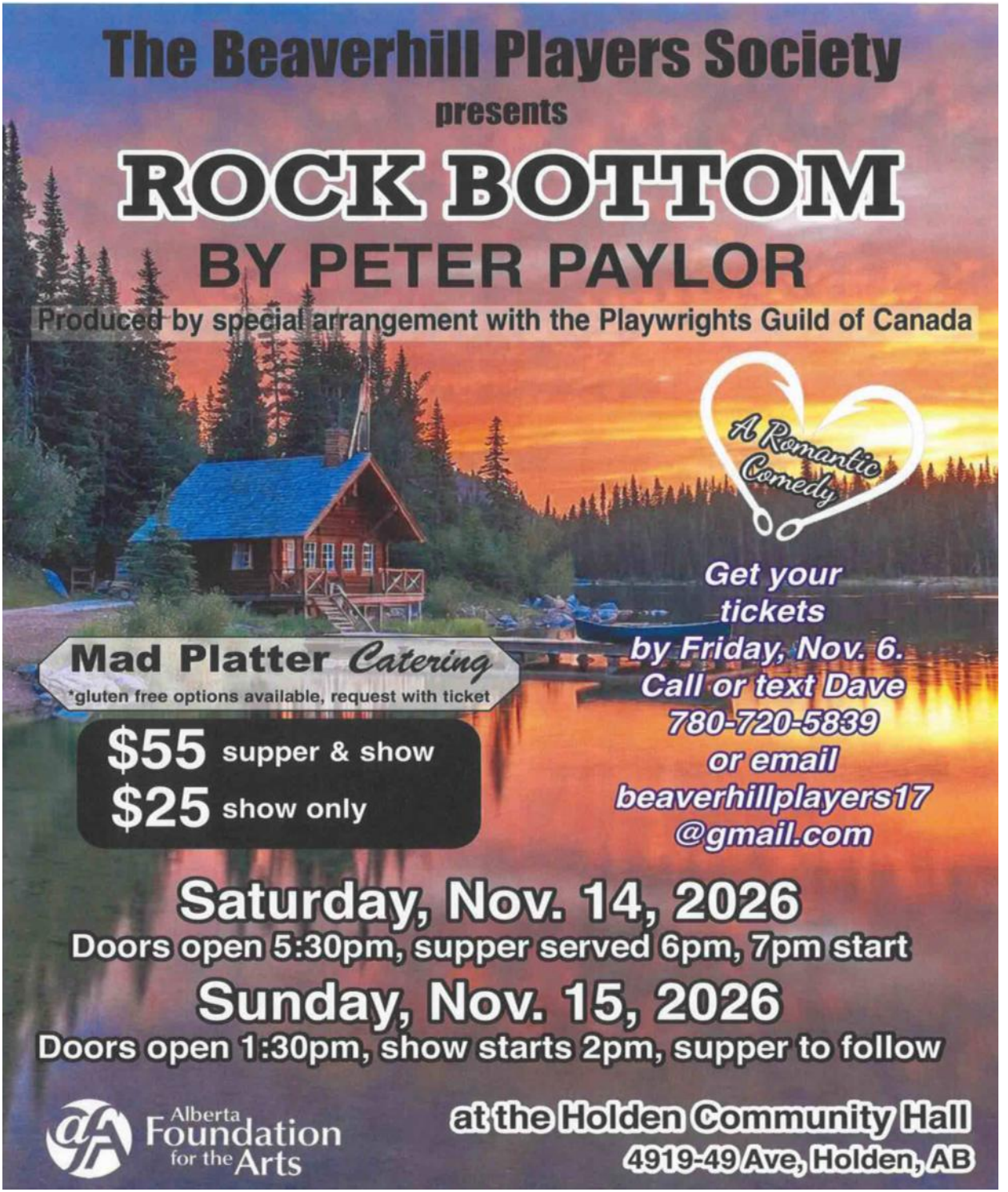
1 PM: Vimy Ridge & Normany 2010 France Trip

Come Enjoy our current Exhibits & Displays

Museum located at 4928 - 50 Ave, Holden, AB
780-720-5839 voice/text or 780-688-3593
or email: holdenmuseum@gmail.com

Even though publicly closed for season, Contact us anytime for viewing during Off-Season. We would love to see you!




The Beaverhill Players Society
presents
ROCK BOTTOM
BY PETER PAYLOR
Produced by special arrangement with the Playwrights Guild of Canada
A Romantic Comedy
Get your tickets by Friday, Nov. 6.
Call or text Dave
780-720-5839
or email
beaverhillplayers17@gmail.com
Mad Platter Catering
*gluten free options available, request with ticket
$55 supper & show
$25 show only
Saturday, Nov. 14, 2026
Doors open 5:30pm, supper served 6pm, 7pm start
Sunday, Nov. 15, 2026
Doors open 1:30pm, show starts 2pm, supper to follow
Alberta Foundation for the Arts
at the Holden Community Hall
4919-49 Ave, Holden, AB

We Sure Had Fun!

The Holden Senior Club held their annual Fall Shuffleboard Tournament Oct 20-22 and man, was it fun! 12 teams competed in an atmosphere of enjoyment, entertainment and good old-fashioned ribbing and gentle teasing. There were lots of oohs and aahs at some very amazing shots, and many games went down to the wire. The food was excellent too! And each day of the tourney, there was a 50/50 winner.





A event winners were Andre LaCroix and Dirk Kalf. (LEFT)

B event winners were Rosemarie Komarnisky and Steve Neurdorf. (RIGHT)

Congratulations to all the teams who came out to play and socialize.

Why not think about joining us – next shuffleboard tourney will be held in late February or early March 2027 (date to be determined). It's lots of fun and a good way to beat the winter blahs.

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HOLDEN CHRISTMAS MARKET

Embrace the season's spirit and discover a treasure trove of unique handmade crafts, delightful food by the Holden Senior Club.

Saturday, November 28

11 AM - 3 PM
FREE ENTRY

Holden Community Hall
4919 - 49 Ave, HOLDEN

Sponsored by the Holden Economic Development Committee and Village of Holden

Holden Senior Club Welcomes You!

Did you know the Holden Senior Club was started in the 1970's by a dedicated group of older folks who saw the need for bringing people together for socializing and friendship? They built the present building and sought grants and people to contribute dollars and effort to build a club that offers camaraderie, games and great snacks once a week to all who need an afternoon out.

Today, the Club welcomes adults of any age (you don't have to be a "senior"!) to play crib, shuffleboard or pool – yes there's a beautiful, but very lonely, pool table in the back room. Just waiting for someone to strike up a game. We host two shuffleboard tournaments a year, offer Hallowe'en and St. Patrick's Day Teas, offer to cater small groups, and generally have a good time throughout the year. Think about becoming a member – only $30.00 per year. Or just drop in any Tuesday afternoon between one and four to join us for crib, shuffleboard or just plain conversation and laughter. It's a great way to get out and meet new people!

The Holden Senior Social Club welcomes you!



The Holden Economic Development Committee (EDC) believes that Holden's "heart" lies within its volunteers. After all, any village or community relies on volunteers for all the "extras" and Holden is no exception. To profile and honour Holden's amazing cadre of volunteers, the EDC is highlighting a volunteer per month to introduce the community to the people with heart that make our village a better place to live.



Meet Gail Alger

Even though Gail lives outside the village, she has been volunteering in Holden for over 25 years! The Holden Ag Society, The Gallery, NU2U2, Holden Junior Cattlemen Society, the Holden Rural Academy, Beaverhill Players, and many more organizations and societies have all benefited from Gail's efforts and knowledge. Why? Because Gail's parents were active volunteers during her growing years, and volunteerism is an inherent part of her belief system. Gail also believes that your children are influenced by, and are part of the community in which they live and play, and it is important for them to get involved in a supportive manner. Gail also feels that anyone who lives in a community should be active and involved in whatever capacity they can, large or small. Thank you, Gail, for all you do and have done to support our village!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wedne
1 **Gallery Open** 12-4pm	2	3 **Library Open** 10am-6pm **NU2U2 Open** 12-4pm **Senior Center** 1:30pm	
8 **Gallery Open** 12-4pm **Turkey Supper** 5-7:30pm, Hall	9	10 **Library Open** 10am-6pm **NU2U2 Open** 12-4pm **Senior Center** 1:30pm **Library Puzzle Swap Starts**	OFF CLOS **Museum**
15 **Gallery Open** 12-4pm **Rock Bottom Play** 1:30 Doors Open 2pm, Show Starts with Supper after	16	17 **Library Open** 10am-6pm **NU2U2 Open** 12-4pm **Senior Center** 1:30pm	2-
22 **Gallery Open** 12-4pm	23 **Council Meeting** 6pm, Office	24 **Library Open** 10am-6pm **NU2U2 Open** 12-4pm **Senior Center** 1:30pm	
29 **Gallery Open** 12-4pm	30		 REMEMBR Left We

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4	5 **Library Open** 4-8pm	6 **Gallery Open** 12-4pm	7 **Gallery & NU2U2 Open** 12-4pm
11 ICE SED **Displays Open** 1pm	12 **Library Open** 4-8pm **Canada Post Toy and Food Drive Starts**	13 **Gallery Open** 12-4pm	14 **Gallery & NU2U2 Open** 12-4pm **Rock Bottom Play** 5:30 doors open 6pm, Supper 7pm Show Starts
18 **FCSS Crafting** 4pm, Hall	19 **Library Open** 4-8pm	20 **Gallery Open** 12-4pm **Legion Crib** 7pm, Legion	21 **Gallery & NU2U2 Open** 12-4pm **Complex Steak Night Fundraiser** 5pm, Complex
25	26 **Library Open** 4-8pm	27 **Gallery Open** 12-4pm	28 **Christmas Market** 11am-3pm, Hall **Gallery & NU2U2 Open** 12-4pm
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NEED SOMETHING FUN FOR THOSE COLD WINTER DAYS?



PUZZLE GIVEAWAY & SWAP!

Starting November 10, 2026







Stop by
Holden Library,
pick up a puzzle, or
swap one you've finished.

A great puzzle can make winter fly by!



NOVEMBER 12-20

DROP OFF CANADA POST HOLDEN

ITEMS NEEDED FOR ALL AGES

ITEMS NEED TO BE NEW, UNOPENED, UNWRAPPED, & FOOD NOT EXPIRED

EACH ITEM BROUGHT IN ENTERS YOUR NAME INTO A DRAW

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON LET'S BRING CHRISTMAS CHEER TO OUR NEIGHBORS 🎄



Crafting for Wellness



JOIN A LIFE-LONG CRAFTER AND EXPLORE THE POWER OF ART AND CRAFTING AS IT RELATES TO YOUR HEALTH AND WELLNESS!

November 18/26

Holden Community Hall

2:00-4:00 p.m.

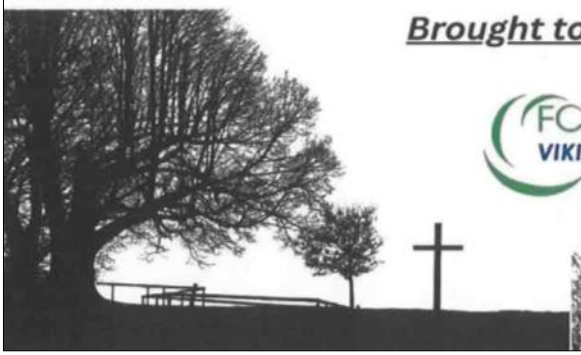
All ages/ability levels welcome!

Come with your own project, or join us in creating something together as a group!

Pre-registration welcomed, but not required.

For more information please contact Shannon at

780-688-3928 or holdenprogram@vbfcss.ca



Brought to you in partnership by:

FCSS Family and Community Support Services VIKING BEAVER

Busy B Bargains



Annual Holden Complex Fundraiser 2026

Saturday November 21st, 2026

Steak Supper, Silent & Live Auction

Steak Supper 5:00-7:30pm
Steak: $32
Steak & Shrimp: $37
Kids Meals: $12

Silent Auction 5:00-8:30pm
Live Auction 8:00pm

Free Public Skating 5:00-8:00pm

See you there!

Text Lucy @780.781.6014

VIKING/BEAVER FCSS:

HELPING PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES

COURSES, PROGRAMS, & SUPPORTS

Break the Cycle. You are not alone.

Family violence can happen to anyone, but support is available.

CALL OR TEXT(24/7):310-1818

Immediate Danger Call 911

For more information about available resources, please contact your local FCSS.

Crafting for Wellness

Join a life long crafter and explore the power of ART and CRAFTING as it relates to your health and Wellness!

November 18

From 2:00-4:00 pm

All ages, levels , ability welcome! Bring your own project, or join us! For more information call Shannon at 780-688-3928 or holdenprogram@vbfcss.ca

Bus Rides for medical appointments

Need a ride to a medical appointment?

Subsidies are available for local SENIORS and individuals UNDER 55 with a disability.

***Based on a sliding fee scale**

***Pre-registration required**

Please contact the Holden or Viking office for more information!

Christmas Hamper

Registration now open!

Viking/Beaver FCSS

Provides hampers to individuals or families in need living in the communities of Kinsella, Viking, Bruce and Holden

Holden Office

holdenprogram@vbfcss.ca or call 780-688-3928

Viking Office

780-336-4024 or

emailvikingprogram@vbfcss.ca

The deadline for Hamper requests is Thursday December 03, 2026

*Non perishable food items or cash/cheque donations can be donated at either VBFCSS office in support of the Christmas Hamper program. Thank you in advance for your kindness!

Viking office: M-F, 8:30-12, 1-4:30. 4924 53 Ave. 780-336-4024
Holden office: M-R, 1:00-4:30. 4810 50 St. 780-688-3928

FCSS Family and Community Support Services
VIKING BEAVER

Holden Rural Academy

LET US HELP YOU

HOLDEN

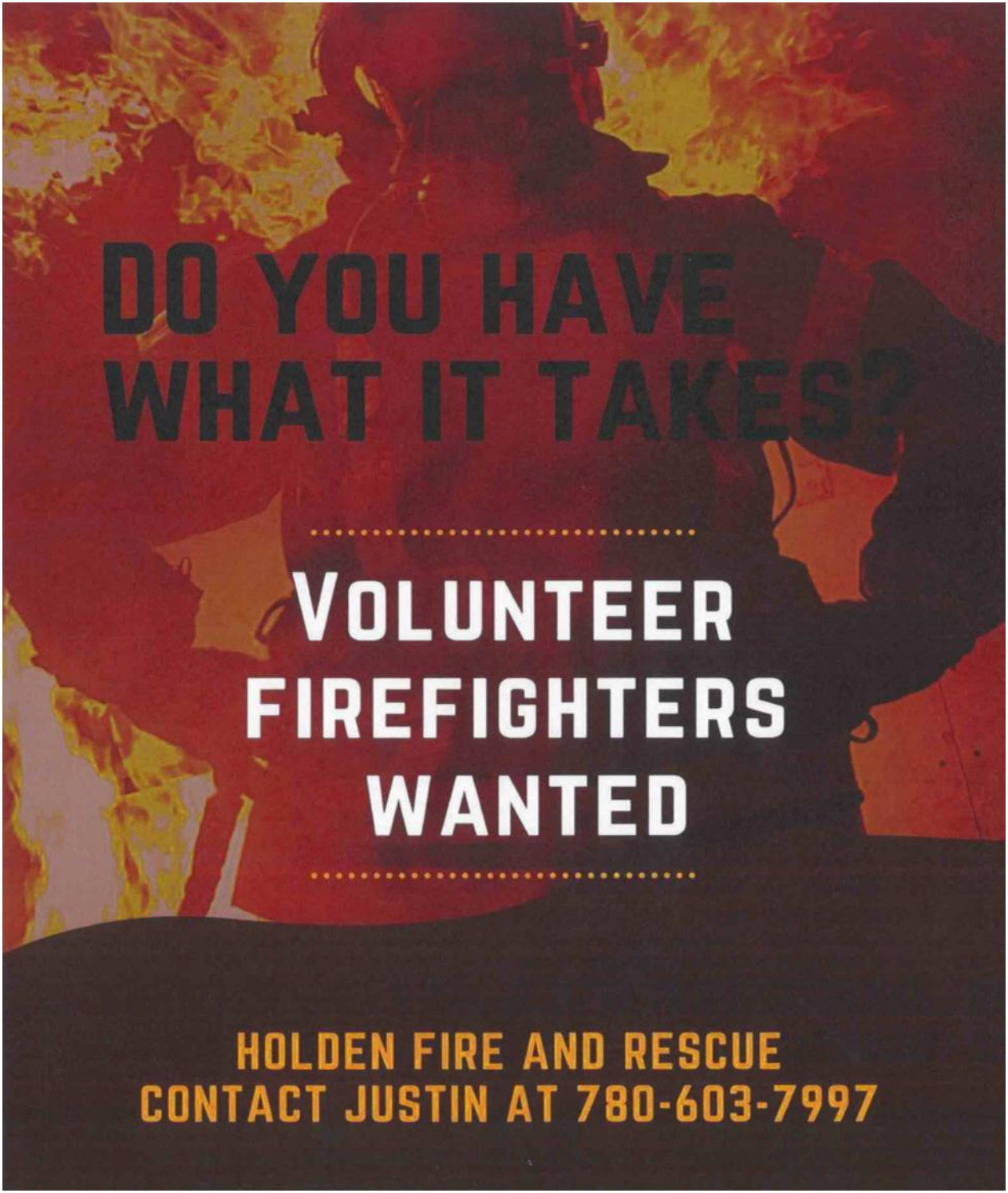
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERISM

yard work, dog walks, garden help, trash pick up.

PLACE	TIME	CONTACT
Holden	2:40-3:50	(780)688-0232 j.hoffman@Holdenra.ca

Available Mondays & Wednesdays




DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?
VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS WANTED
HOLDEN FIRE AND RESCUE
CONTACT JUSTIN AT 780-603-7997

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION HOLDEN BRANCH NO. 56 NEWS & EVENTS

Crib Tournament every 3rd Friday of the Month @ 7pm
except July & August

Interested in becoming a Legion member? Contact membership chair Ivan Hrabec at 780-679-5633 or email at i.hrabec@hotmail.com

The Legion is available for rent. Contact Michele at 780-983-5700

COUNTRY
Bottle Depot

Hours of Operation
Tuesday & Saturday
9 am to 5:00pm

5012 - 48 Ave
Holden

780 688 3378
780 632 9313 CELL

HOLDEN HOTEL
587-415-8656 or 780-782-8055

GROCERY STORE
Hours: 10:00 am to 8 :00 pm
Monday to Saturday
Closed Sunday and Holidays

LIQUOR STORE
Hours: 10:00 am to 9:00 pm
Monday to Saturday
Closed Sunday

PATTI'S PLACE (RESTAURANT)
Hours: 8:00 am to 7:00 pm
Monday to Saturday
Closed Sunday and Holidays

COUNTRY KITCHEN

MAIN STREET
HOLDEN, AB
(780-688-2066)

Hours of operation:

Monday – Friday 11:30am - 6:30pm
Saturday 11:30am - 4pm

(Closed Sunday and Holidays)

THE GALLERY

Studio 14 Art Association
Julianne @ 780-490-9190



LOCATED AT 4916 - 49 AVENUE IN HOLDEN
HOURS: OPEN- FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY 12-4PM

thegalleryholden@gmail.com

NU2U2 Store 4904 – 50 St
Tuesdays — 12 pm to 4 pm
Saturdays — 12 pm to 4 pm



Consignment and Donations
by Appointment only
Contact Mona @ 780-245-3921
or email:
holdensnu2u2@gmail.com

RYLEY POOL & WELLNESS CENTRE

CALL THE POOL FOR MORE INFO

Morning Lane Swim & Aquasize	Monday & Wednesday 7 - 9 am
Morning Lane Swim & Aquasize	Friday 7:30 - 9 am
Public Swim	Mon, Wed, & Friday 6 - 8 pm
Public Swim	Sunday 2 - 5pm

(780) 663-3505

HOLDEN CHURCH LIST

Emmanuel Evangelical Missionary Church

Hwy 626 & Range Rd 152

Pastor: Josh Briscall 780-803-1524

Sunday Service 10:30 am

Ukrainian Catholic Churches

St. Mary's (South Holden)

780-688-2331

Father Don Bodnar 780-679-0975

Council Meeting Dates:

Council Meeting– Regular Council Meeting is Monday, November 23, 2026.

Village Office:

Box 357, 4810-50 Street, Holden, Alberta, T0B 2C0
Phone: 780-688-3928 / Fax: 780-688-2091
Email: cao@holden.ca

Office Hours: 8:30 am-12:00 noon & 1:00-4:30 pm
Office Closed: Wednesday, November 11 for Remembrance Day.

New to Holden? Pick up a Welcome/Info Package at the Village Office.



Website:

www.holden.ca